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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/003733

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 4-6 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 1, 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 7, 8 received by this Authority on 18.11.2004 with the letter of 17.11.2004
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-21 received by this Authority on 18.11.2004 with the letter of 17.11.2004
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* 1/2, 2/2 received by this Authority on 18.11.2004 with the letter of 17.11.2004
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-21	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-21	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-21	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
1. Claim 1 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(1).			
<p>The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the prior art in US-B-6247413 in that the intermediate cross member has a recess through which the mount for the cross suspension or cross damping to be supported engages. As a result of this feature, in combination with the features of the preamble, the arrangement of the cross suspension or the cross damping above the intermediate cross member is implied. As a result the transverse and rolling movements are better controlled.</p> <p>Since none of the documents cited in the search report discloses or suggests such an arrangement, the subject matter of claim 1 involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).</p>			
2. Claims 2 to 21 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements.			